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SUBJECT: SUDAN FEATURE IN OPIC ANNUAL REPORT

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1. REQUESTED MATERIALS RECEIVED FEB. 18 UNDER COVER OF FONOFF DIPLOMATIC NOTE. EMBASSY POUCHING PICTURE OF PRES. NIMEIRI AND DIGEST ON SUDAN PROVIDED BY GOS. PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE. COGNIZANT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT TO THE ECONOMY OF A COUNTRY LIKE OURS WITH SUCH TREMENDOUS AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL POTENTIALS, WE ENTRUSTED TO FIVE JOINT COMMITTEES REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR THE TASK OF RECOMMENDING POLICIES THAT WOULD ACTIVATE AND STIMULATE PRIVATE INVESTMENT. HITHERTO TWO ACTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC SERVICE INVESTMENTS HAVE BEEN PROMULGATED. A THIRD ONE PERTAINING TO AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT IS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF APPROVAL.

APART FROM GENUINELY STRIVING TO CREATE THE IDEAL ATMOSPHERE FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT TO ASSUME ITS ROLE IN THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT, THE THREE ACTS SHARE THE SAME FEATURES AS FAR AS GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AND INCENTIVES

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ARE CONCERNED.

THESE RANGE FROM CONCESSIONS, FACILITIES AND
GUARANTEES AGAINST NATIONALIZATION AND ACQUISITION TO
PROVIDING GENEROUS TAX HOLIDAYS OVER THE FIRST 5
TO 10 YEARS, SUBSTANTIAL RELIEF FROM IMPORT AND EXCISE
DUTIES AND GRANTING THE INVESTORS FULL FREEDOM TO
REPATRIATE ALL PROFITS MADE ON IMPORTED CAPITAL. THAT
NO DISCRIMINATION WILL BE EXERCISED BETWEEN
DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN CAPITAL OR BETWEEN PRIVATE AND
PUBLIC INVESTMENT IS AN AUGUST PRINCIPLE EMBODIED IN THE
THREE ACTS. BREWER

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